

## CHARITON COURIER

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TAFT and Teddy are now known as the "gold-dust twins." They know how to advertise.

JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES now talks as if he were getting a very good salary from Mr. Hearst. He is no longer a Democrat.

It is now claimed that Michigan will refuse to instruct for Mr. Bryan and will vote for Governor Johnson. What is the matter with Michigan Democrats?

A CONGRESSIONAL "pool" has been formed for the purpose of forcing through congress a twenty-million dollar public building bill. There is no law against pooling by congress.

SENATOR BOB TAYLOR of Tennessee has declined to be a delegate to the Denver convention. Evidently he doesn't mean to get mixed up in the fight between the Democrats and the Prohibitionists.

EDITOR HENRY WATTERSON thinks Mr. Bryan will be nominated, but evidently fears he may not be elected, but Marse Henri has proved such a poor prophet for so many years that his opinions have lost weight.

"We are for Taft because we think that the president wants him," said Frank P. McLennan, a leading Kansas Republican. Suppose the president wanted Booker T. Washington. Would all the Taftites be for Booker?

If freedom of trade is a natural right, interference with such freedom is an infringement of natural right, and therefore undemocratic. For Democracy is founded upon the doctrine of natural rights.

REPRESENTATIVE WINFIELD SCOTT HAMMOND, who won his seat in congress and fame by defeating the Stand-patter McCleary in Second Minnesota district, feels confident that Governor Johnson will be nominated for president and elected.

The president insists that congress shall make "an honest effort" to do something; and congress insists that the president shall make an honest effort to mind his own business. But no honest effort will be made for reform by either party, except what the Democrats will do.

THE Republican leaders are practically committed to the Aldrich currency bill; and since the majority of the house is opposed to this Standard Oil measure some pretended substitute, making its provisions still more favorable to the standard's interests will probably be forced through in the name of currency reform.

### JUDGE HARMON'S PLATFORM.

No better preliminary platform has been put forward than the views on public questions of Judge Judson Harmon that have just been published by his friends who desire to see him receive the Democratic nomination for president. The two utterances on the outer page of the pamphlet containing the public speeches and opinions of Judge Harmon are good texts for all Democrats to remember.

They are: "Guilt is always personal, when the government

## Tutt's Pills

will save the dyspeptic from many days of misery, and enable him to eat whatever he wishes. They prevent

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searches out the guilty men and makes corporate wrong mean personal punishment and dishonor, the laws will be obeyed." "They say the tariff must be revised by its friends. We say it must be revised by the friends of the people."

The first quotation is from the resignation of Judge Harmon as special counsel for the government to prosecute the Atchison rebate case. The government directed that the prosecution be directed against the individuals.

The second text covers the need of selecting Democrats who are real friends of the people as Judge Harmon has shown himself to be.

### A DEMOCRATIC APPEAL.

Every Democratic member of the house of representatives has signed a petition to the speaker requesting him to recognize some member to move to discharge the committee on ways and means from the further consideration of and to suspend the rules, and to pass the Stevens bill, or any other bill, having the effect to put wood pulp and print paper on the free list. John Sharp Williams, the Democratic leader of the house, goaded the Republican leaders to fury by beseeching 30 Republicans, at least, to come forward and add their signatures to the petition. He called on those who had introduced bills for free print paper to sign, but not one came forward, not even those who had made speeches in favor of such a measure. Mr. Williams made his request for action facetiously. He knew no Republican would come forward to the mourner's bench, and repudiate the hide-bound partisanship that hangs like a pall over the deliberations of this congress. He told them that:

"While the lamp holds out to burn, The vilest sinner may return."

And added: "If you have lately been, or expect to be, in any manner, bulldozed or bossridden, why, think for a second; think what a short life we live here and how necessary it is that we should do things."

But Mr. Williams' prayer fell upon standpat ears, and not one Republican sinner of them all came forward to show that he really was for even this small measure of tariff reform, even to curb a trust that is plundering every newspaper publisher in the United States.

How can the voters expect that "after election" Republican congressmen will be any more willing to undertake the greater task of tackling hundreds of trusts which are protected by the tariff when they refuse to take the tariff pap from this infant that is eating up the substance of newspaper proprietors. Every Republican congressman is now on record as either opposed to tariff reform, or afraid to disobey the orders of the standpat leaders who are wedded to their alliance with those trust magnates who furnish the main part of the campaign funds that keep the Re-

publican party in power. Turn the rascals out and elect Democrats if you desire reform.

### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special correspondent, Washington, D. C., May 21, 1908.

Congress has arrived at the stage where it must do something, but the question is to agree on a program and unite enough members to pass certain bills that are politically desirable. So far the Republican leaders have managed to kill time and yet appear to be busy, although have done nothing but pass appropriation bills and private laws in the interest of favored constituents. The fact is our Republican friends are not united on a program. The leaders expected to be able to carry out this do-nothing program and adjourn early, but two obstacles have appeared and both are serious ones to overcome and still appear to keep faith with the people. The Democratic program of insisting on the regular order under the rules until certain bills based on the recommendations of President Roosevelt were reported from the committees and voted upon, has resulted in bringing the attention of the voters to such reform legislation. That is the first obstacle and the special rules adopted by the Republicans to tie the hands of the Democrats have had the effect of making the do-nothing policy of the Republican leaders more than ever apparent. Speaker Cannon and the Republican leaders have become nervous wrecks through this prodding of the Democrats, but they would not have worried about it so much if obstacle two, in the person of President Roosevelt, had not re-inforced the Democratic program. There is no love lost between the Republican leaders and the president. Every fresh message sent to congress instead of pouring oil on the troubled waters of the Republican managers has had the more drastic effect of rubbing salt into their political sores. The president has also threatened to veto the "pork bill," as the public building measure is called, and has had it given out on the "highest authority" that a special session might be expected unless "my policies" are given consideration. The Republican leaders claim that President Roosevelt agreed to abide by the program of legislation submitted to him, and not to stir up congress and the country with any more red hot messages and has broken his word. The president's policies include currency legislation; an anti-injunction law; amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law; the tariff on wood pulp and print paper; an employer's liability bill to cover government employees; a child labor bill for the District of Columbia; a campaign publicity law. Nearly all of these measures are endorsed by the Democrats.

The Republican leaders will concede to their followers just as little of the president's recommendations as possible for Speaker Cannon and his dominant faction in the house and the group of ruling senators are averse to enacting any of the pending measures for economic and labor legislation. But those congressmen from close and doubtful districts who fear defeat are constantly bringing pressure for action, so they can be recorded as voting for the Roosevelt recommendations and thus prove to their constituents they are real simon-pure reformers. In the end there will probably be a compromise, but how much will be conceded by the Republican leaders to the president and the scared congressmen will not be certain until near the close of the session. The Republican leaders are intent on fixing up a "clean record" for the congressmen to appeal to their voters to for re-election. The president demands more than this and has been aiding the Democrats in delaying and possibly preventing a

worthless compromise. His messages and his urgings have gone hand and glove with the Democratic plan of campaign to "smoke out" the Republican majority.

There is this to be said about attempting to pass all these important matters of legislation thus late in the session: It is impossible to properly perfect those bills that verge towards unconstitutionality and require the greatest care in their language and scope to escape the veto of the supreme court. If the necessary time had been taken by the committees in early days of the session to perfect the proposed laws there would be a much better chance of uniting them, but with doubt and despondency uppermost in the minds of Republicans it will now be almost impossible to amend them so that they will pass muster.

Out of all the bluster about reform and remedial legislation only three bills seem to have any show of enactment and these are comparatively worthless to the interests pretended to be served. The anti-injunction bill is a farce; the measure for the compensation of employees injured in the public service may be of some value if properly administered, and the child labor law for the District of Columbia is but similar to the statute of most of the states. As far as currency legislation is concerned the Vreeland bill is worse than useless and no agreement may be reached on even that worthless proposition, though it is undoubtedly of value to the Wall street interests or their friends would not be fighting for it.

From all this Republican gloom, it is pleasant to turn to Democratic plans and purposes, where the skies are brighter and where the desires and wants of the people are more generally conceded. In both branches of congress the Democrats are more united able leadership than for years before. They are buoyant with hope of success at the coming election, and hoping that the party will be united on a platform and candidates that will turn defeats into victory. There is a feeling expressed that the division of sentiment about whether Mr. Bryan, Governor Johnson, Judge Gray, Judge Harmon or some dark horse will be nominated is for the great good of the party. It is stirring up the latent Democratic forces to activity and the generous rivalry that has always preceded Democratic victory.

During the past week there has been a decided boom for Governor Johnson, which has been mainly brought about by so many states refusing to instruct their delegates. That is looked upon as opposition to the nomination of Mr. Bryan, as he has been urging his friends to force instructions for him, while his competitors have insisted that uninstructed delegates composed of the best men of the party were more likely to arrive at a decision on platform and candidates that would best unite the party.

It will be well to take with some allowance the news about how the delegations from several states stand on candidates for I have seen some delegates to the convention during the past week who are claimed for Mr. Bryan, but are opposed to his nomination, as they fear he would not make any better showing in this campaign than in his former efforts to be elected.

ROBERT MILLER.

Lije Ridgeway, aged 19 years, for eight years an employe of the Moberly print shops, committed suicide at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun. The whole top of his head was blown off and the walls of the smokehouse in which he committed the awful deed were spattered with blood and brains. Temporary insanity is supposed to be the cause of his rash act.

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Mr. Bryan was accompanied on this trip by his wife and two younger children, William J., Jr., and Grace, aged 16 and 14, respectively. They started September 21, 1905, and reached home September 5, 1906, sixteen days less than one year. While most of this trip was in the north temperate zone, they were below the equator a few days in Java, and for a while above the arctic circle in Norway.

This book ought to be in every home where there are boys and girls with brains and promise.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

Officer Sam Magruder of Moberly created an excitement Friday afternoon by firing 12 shots while trying to arrest four hoboes. He succeeded in getting one after he had put a bullet through his hat. A gold watch was found hid in one of the tramp's shoes. He will be held for investigation.

About 5 o'clock Tuesday evening F. L. Brooks, who resides three miles southeast of Moberly, caught a demented man and held him at bay with his revolver for about an hour, but being unable to get assistance turned him loose. The man stated that he had hugged two girls in Moberly and that a mob was after him, which was the truth.

### Push.

If there was more push in the world there would be fewer hungry, half clothed, homeless suffering children; fewer broken down men and women; less need of alms-houses, houses of correction and homes for the friendless. Push means a lift for a neighbor in trouble. Push means a lift for yourself out of the slough of despondency and shiftlessness, out of trouble real or fancied. Push never hurt anybody. The harder the push the better, if it is given in the right direction. Always push up hill—few people need a push down hill. Don't be afraid of your hands. They were made for service. Don't be afraid of what your companion may say. Don't be afraid of your conscience, it will never reproach you for a good deed, but push with all your heart, might and soul, whenever you see anything or anybody that will be better for a good long, strong determined push.

Push! It is just the word for the grand clear morning of life. It is just the word for the world that is full of work as this is. If anybody is in trouble, and you see it, don't stand back, push. If there is any good being done in any place where you happen to be, push!

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